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Secretary, St. Michael's Hospital Board of Governors

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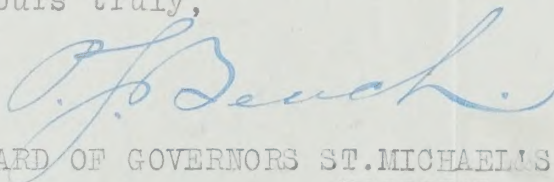
TORONTO Oct. 10th. 1916

R. Falconer, President,
Toronto University,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

The Board of Governors of St. Michael's Hospital beg to call your attention to the fact that, owing to Dr. R. R. Graham having resigned from the teaching staff of the Surgical Service of the hospital, a vacancy now exists. We further beg to state that the appointment of either Dr. S. Buck, 1266 College St., or Dr. J. J. Healey, 574 Sherbourne St. would be according to the wishes of the Board.

Yours truly,



SECRETARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS ST. MICHAEL'S
HOSPITAL.

October 11th, 1916

Rev. F. J. Pench,
Superintendent of Catholic Charities,
202 Church Street, Toronto.

Dear Father Pench:

I have your letter of October 10th stating that the appointment of either Dr. S. Buck or Dr. J. J. Healy to the position on the surgical staff now occupied by Dr. R. R. Graham would be according to the wish of the Board of Governors of St. Michael's Hospital.

I regret very much that owing to some oversight you were not consulted before a nomination was made to me last Thursday which I had confirmed by the Board of Governors appointing Dr. Baker to the staff to do teaching in St. Michael's Hospital. I have asked our head professor of surgery, Professor I. H. Cameron, to call upon you with regard to this matter. As you doubtless remember we are hoping that Dr. Hayes who was recently on the staff of St. Michael's, and has gone to New York for a postgraduate course, will prove to be worthy of being given an appointment on the teaching staff of the University in St. Michael's Hospital on his return. It is not intended that meantime any permanent appointment should be made in Dr. Graham's place. The appointment of Dr. Baker is a temporary one.

I regret that this has happened, and the only explanation I can give of it is that in the absence of Dr. McKeown,

the Associate Professor of Surgery in St. Michael's, the acting head of Surgery, Dr. Bingham, was at a loss with whom to consult.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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TORONTO Oct. 17th. 1916

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
City.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 11th. inst. re. appointment of successor to Dr. R. B. Graham on the Surgical Staff of St. Michael's Hospital, I am instructed by the Board of Governors of the Hospital to state that we have labored under the impression that the University authorities were quite familiar with the fact that in all transactions between the University and the Hospital, the Board of Governors of St. Michael's Hospital was the only authorized body to speak in the name of the hospital. This was made quite clear in a letter addressed to you by the Board of Governors dated March 20th. 1915. The following is a paragraph from that letter:

"It is our sincere desire that in all questions between the University and the Board that the dicta of irresponsible parties be unheeded. No one - Drs. McKeown and Clark included - has any right to speak for St. Michael's Hospital, unless so delegated by the Management."

This was evidently forgotten in the recent appointment of Dr. Baker. The fact is Dr. Baker has not as yet applied to the Board of Governors for appointment to the Staff. Even though he had applied we reserve to ourselves the right to nominate the

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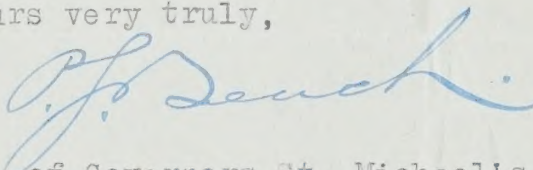
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President Falconer,

candidate for the position.

As the appointment will be only a temporary one, pending the return of Dr. Hays, the Board of Governors respectfully request that you appoint Dr. S. Buck, 1266 College St. to the teaching staff of the Surgical Service of St. Michael's Hospital.

Yours very truly,



Secretary Bd. of Governors St. Michael's Hospital.

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October 18th, 1916

Rev. Father P. J. Bench,
202 Church Street,
Toronto.

Dear Father Bench:

I quite recognise that in the appointment of Dr. Baker I overlooked the agreement in my letter to you of which you quote. It was a case of being misled or rather I may say on my part of not having considered carefully each nomination of the Professor of Surgery. I have asked Professor Cameron to see you with regard to the matter, and we have no desire to force Dr. Baker on St. Michael's Hospital. Our difficulty at present is that the appointment has been made and we shall try to see what can be done for this young man and if possible secure something else for him. In the meantime I have asked the Professor of Surgery to consider the case of Dr. Buck. As you state in your letter whatever appointment is made now is only a temporary one pending the return of Dr. Hayes and if Dr. Buck were appointed we do not wish to bind ourselves as to the future.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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TORONTO, Oct. 20th 1916

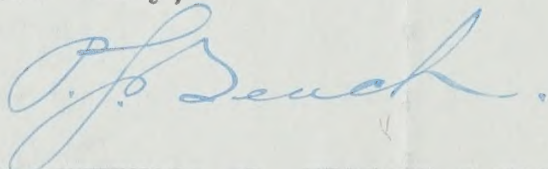
President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of yesterday
and assure you the explanation is entirely satisfactory.

We shall also be quite satisfied with a
temporary appointment for Dr. Buck.

Yours truly,



SEC'Y BOARD GOVERNORS ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL.

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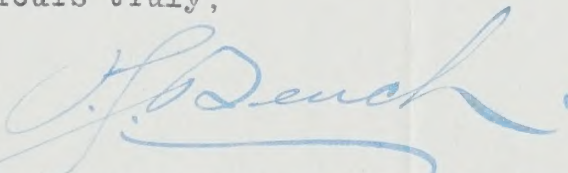
TORONTO Nov. 6th 1916

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

As we have not heard anything further re appointment
of Dr. S. Buck to the surgical staff of St. Michael's Hospital,
we are anxious to know your decision in the matter.

Yours truly,



SEC'Y BOARD OF GOVERNORS ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPITAL.

November 7th, 1916

Rev. F. J. Benon,
202 Church Street,
Toronto.

Dear Father Benon:

I have made inquiries from Professor Cameron, our Professor of Surgery, with regard to your letter. He informs me that he does not think Dr. Buch should be recommended for a university appointment this year, but that we shall keep the place for Dr. Hayes. Meantime, he believes that the work can be done by the present staff, but assures me that Dr. Baker will not be employed in St. Michael's Hospital.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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TORONTO March 14th. 1917

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

At a recent meeting of the Board of Governors of St. Michael's Hospital, there was some discussion over the desirability of having St. Michael's represented on the Board of Examiners in medicine at the University of Toronto. It was stated that our Hospital was formerly represented on the Board of Examiners, but for some unknown reason representation has ceased.

I have been instructed to place this before you asking you to be good enough to give us your opinion on the matter.

Very truly yours,



SECRETARY BOARD GOVERNORS ST. MICHAEL'S
HOSPITAL.

March 19th, 1917

Rev. E. J. Farrow,
Secretary of the Board of Governors,
St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto.

Dear Father Farrow:

I am glad to know that there will be a representative
from St. Michael's Hospital on the Board of Governors in 1918.
Very truly, I believe, and very anxiously, we await for the next
year, and I will have said the latter and that definitely what the
committee of officers is. I myself think that it is only right that
a representative of that Hospital should have a place on the governing
board.

Yours sincerely,

F. Russell.

March 17th, 1917

Rev. Father Pench,
202 Osborn Street,
Toronto.

Dear Father Pench:

I have made inquiries with regard to the Examiners at St. Michael's Hospital and find that last year, 1916, the following members of the St. Michael's staff acted:

J. H. Elliott, Examiner, Fifth Year Clinical Medicine				
"	"	"	"	"
J. H. Moon, " " " " " Surgery				
V. Cameron, " Third " " "				

There were also three men from St. Michael's Hospital.

J. H. Elliott, Examiner, Fourth Year Clinical Medicine				
"	"	"	"	"
V. Cameron, " Third " " " " "				

There was the Secretary informs me are at all times members of the Board of Examiners. Also, it is arranged that a fair proportion of the examinations are conducted in St. Michael's Hospital.

Possibly the question may have arisen in connection with the recent examinations for the conditioned students for the special summer course. This, however, was just a special little examination for fifteen men to enable them more speedily to volunteer for military service, and the Dean and Secretary did not consider it necessary to summon the whole examining board but just the examiners concerned.

I hope that this explanation will be found to be
satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

Franklin.

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TORONTO March 27th 1917

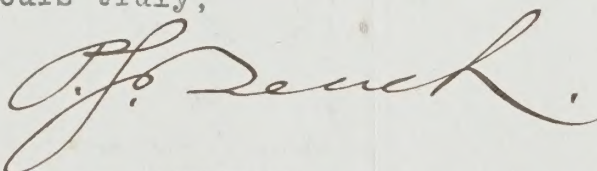
President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
Queen's Park.

Dear Sir:-

I received your letter of recent date re St.
Michael's Hospital representative on the Medical Examining
Board of the University, and speaking only for myself,
I wish to state that your explanation seems entirely satis-
factory.

I shall place it before the Board of Governors at
our next meeting.

Yours truly,



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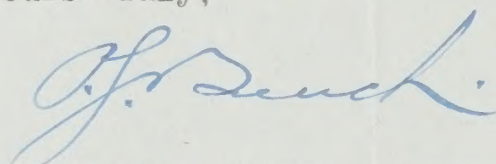
TORONTO April 20th 1917

President Falconer,
University of Toronto,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

At a recent meeting of the Board of Governors of St. Michael's Hospital it was decided to request you to be good enough to ratify the promised appointment of Dr. Hayes to the Surgical Service of St. Michael's Hospital. Dr. Hayes has returned from New York and is now ready to do work in the hospital.

Yours truly,



SECRETARY BOARD OF GOVERNORS ST. MICHAEL'S
HOSPITAL.

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April 21st, 1917

Rev. Father Bench,
202 Church Street,
Toronto.

Dear Father Bench:

I will be glad to send your letter to Mr. Cameron, the head of our department of surgery, and ask him to nominate Dr. Hayes to the surgical staff of St. Michael's Hospital.

I was under the impression that Dr. Hayes was to take one year more in New York. When I was in New York a month ago I met a gentleman to whom I gave him an introduction and he spoke very highly of his work, but said that he was greatly disappointed that he had returned to Toronto so soon. I should think that in the interests of Dr. Hayes it would have been well for him to remain another year.

Yours sincerely,

President.

